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FORT WORTH, TEX., JAN. 5, 1903.

Marconi has set the pace for Nikola Tesla and Edison. If those distinguished electricians are to stay in the race they will have to hustle.

Private Secretary Cortelyou is booked for a cabinet position as secretary of the proposed department of commerce.

"The new year opens with more business on the books than ever before," says Dun's Review. "Prices of commodities are firmly held by the steady domestic demand, and there is a good export movement of the leading staples."

Mexico is looming up large in the exhibit of Uncle Sam's financial assets, Consul-General Barlow estimates that about half a billion dollars of American capital are invested in that country, while the United States buys 80 per cent of all Mexico's exports and sells her 58 per cent of all her imports.

The sky-line viewed from Fort Worth on almost any evening is not rivalled anywhere in color and mellowness of tone. The blue is not the grayish haze of the North, but a rich pronounced cobalt, that in no wise interferes with one's vision, yet is a tangible thing.

Why work, when you can live so easily by playing the horse races at New Orleans on the plan scientifically worked out in the pages of two morning newspapers published in this immediate vicinity? It looks like getting money from home, it is so easy. One almost feels sorry for the book-makers that take the money down there.

pace. San Antonio, Houston, Galveston, Austin, Waco, Dallas and Fort Worth will take rank with cities like Cleveland, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Kansas City, Memphis and New Orleans. Texas and its cities have just begun to grow.

TILLMAN ON RACE PROBLEM

Senator Tillman of South Carolina lectured at Macon, Georgia, the other night on the "Race Problem." He handled the facts, as he saw them, in that blunt, forcible, frank way of his that has won him a hearing even where his views are diametrically opposed to the sentiment of the community.

Going back to the beginning of the Negro question he justified the measures which were adopted by the South in the reconstruction days to regain control of the government from the negro by saying that they were only obeying the instinct of self preservation.

Paying his respects to the Booker Washington idea, the senator said that it offered no solution and that the principle consequence was that it turned out hordes of skilled negro workmen to compete with the white men in the South, and that in the North he would be treated with less consideration, as evidenced in the home state of Abraham Lincoln, where they were met at the border with Gatling guns.

He thought the plan of deportation as suggested by Senator Morgan that the negro be transported to the Philippines, was attractive, but that it was in every sense of the word impracticable on account of the distance of the islands, the disinclination of the negro and the unwillingness of the white man north to share the expense of such an undertaking which, he said, could not be effected for less than \$300 per capita.

He said, finally, that the only course to be followed was to take temporary precautions and that any absolute solution was beyond his ability to discover.

Vermont will vote next February on the ratification of the high-license local option measure, and it is predicted that the law will be adopted by from 6,000 to 10,000 majority. In some sections of the state the saloon element are reported to be opposed to the law and are placing bets that the measure will be defeated.

Storyettes

A Forlorn Hope During the late campaign Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, and a minister who had dyspepsia, but who was helping out in the prohibition cause by making speeches along on Clark's trail, met at a farm house and stopped to dinner.

The Same Old Pie Appetite Austin Sunday Clipper: Politicians here at the capital were somewhat amused during the past week over the result of the republican seance at Dallas which was carried on by a few of the lads who are unable to get close to the pie counter.

Gallant Judge In a case before a Philadelphia court in which a popular actress had to appear as a witness, the judge hesitated about asking the lady, as he was in duty bound to do, what was her age.

In the future—and not a great ways, either—Texas will be as densely inhabited as Illinois, Iowa or any of the great agricultural states of the middle West. And then what a rich and powerful state it will be. Ten million people is not an extravagant estimate of its population twenty-five years hence. And with the growth of the whole state, its cities will keep



A handsome gown of dark green novelty goods is trimmed with bands of Persian embroidery. The skirt, which is very long, is decorated with stitched straps of the material. The bloused bodice closes invisibly on the left side and has a plaited back. The upper part of the sleeves and the cuffs are of white liberty satin, trimmed with narrow black braid.

AMONG EXCHANGES

Here Labor Brings Reward Laredo Times: Fifteen hundred homeseekers from the bleak shores of New England entered Texas Thursday morning at Texarkana. If they hustle in this land of eternal spring as their sires of the Mayflower they will never have to pass through any famine down here.

A Legislative Forecast Paris Morning News: The next legislature will have to wrestle with a new octopus law, and there is going to be fun. The next session is going to be a long one—Austin Statesman.

Big Demand for Texas Lands Austin Statesman: Great results are flowing from the efforts of the Southern Pacific Railway Company to populate this state. This sagacious corporation has now in the field 586 colonizing agents, steadily at work on this task alone. During the last twelve months there have been sold through these agents 1,500,000 acres of land in Texas and Louisiana.

How Ochiltree Lost Houston Chronicle: Col. Ochiltree used to tell a story of how he lost \$1,000,000.

The International Literary Magazine of Billville has suspended. Funeral notice later. It is understood that its late contributors have the editor up a tree, but can't get rope enough to reach him.—Atlanta Constitution.

Rheumatism, more painful in this climate than any other affliction, cured by Prescription No. 2851, by Elmer & Amend. E. F. SCHMIDT, Houston, Texas, Sole Agents.

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What the Hague Tribunal is

The Hague tribunal, to which the Venezuelan controversy will be referred for settlement, is a permanent court of arbitration provided for by the convention signed at the capital of Holland on July 29, 1899. It is the highest court in the world. Fifteen nations are represented in it, each having four members of this court. They are the United States, Great Britain, Russia, Austria-Hungary, Germany, Italy, Belgium, France, Denmark, Japan, Holland, Portugal, Roumania, Spain, Sweden and Norway. Thus there are sixty members of this court. The American members are Melville W. Fuller, chief justice of the United States; John W. Griggs, ex-attorney general of the United States; George Gray, United States circuit judge. Ex-President Harrison was the fourth member.

THE Mississippi Bubble

A NOVEL BY EMERSON HOUGH

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Synopsis. John Law, an adventurer and financier of Louis XIV's reign, and his brothers are attacked by English robbers and are secured on the road by Lady Catherine Knollys, a famous beauty, and Mary Conynge, Law and Lady Catherine are mutually infatuated, while Mary Conynge admires Law without response.

CHAPTER XIV The Embassy "Monsieur! Madame! Pierre Noir! Listen to me! I have saved you!" I, Jean Breboeuf, I have rescued you!" So spoke Jean Breboeuf, thrusting his head within the door of the lodge in which were the remaining prisoners of the Iroquois.

Mary Conynge took the shoe in her hand and stepped forward to the line which had been drawn upon the ground. The red spots still burned upon her cheeks; her eyes, amber, fine, still glared hard and dry. She still glanced rapidly from one to the other, her eye as lightly quick and as brilliant as that of the crouched cat about to spring.

Which? Which would it be? Could she control this game? Could she elect which man should live and which should die—this woman, scorned, abused, mastered? Neither of these sought to read the riddle of her set face and blazing eyes. Each as he might offered his soul to his Creator.

The goddess of fortune still stood faithful to this brave young man who had so often confidently assumed her friendship. His life, later to be intimately connected with this same new savage country was to be preserved for an ultimate opportunity.

Whether or not the Iroquois understood this defiance could not be determined. With a wild shout they pressed upon him. Borne struggling and stumbling by the impulse of a dozen hands, Pembroke half walked and half was carried over the distance between the village and the brink of the chasm of Niagara.

Until then it had not been apparent what was to be the nature of his fate, but when he looked upon the sliding floor of waters below him and heard beyond the thunderous voices of the cataract, Pembroke knew what was to be his final portion.

There was, at some distance above the great falls, a spot where descent was possible to the edge of the water. Pembroke's feet were loosened and he was compelled to descend the narrow path. A canoe was tethered at the shore, and the face of the young Englishman went pale as he realized what was to be the use assigned it. Bound again hand foot, helpless, he was cast into this canoe. A strong arm sent the tiny craft out toward midstream.

dream. He says that the white men are going to come and tear down our houses and trample our fields. When the time comes for the peace, the Iroquois will be at the mountain. Brother, we will bury the hatchet, and bury it so deep that henceforth none may ever again dig it up.

"It is well," said Joncaire, abruptly. "My brothers are wise. Now let the council end, for my path is long and I must travel back to Ontario at once." Joncaire knew well enough the fickleness of these savages, who might upon the morrow demand another council and perhaps arrive at different conclusions.

"Far below; among the tribe of the Illini, in the valley of the Messassee." "You tell me so! I had thought no white man left in that valley for this season. And madame—this child—surely 'twas the first white infant born in the great valley."

"Oh, as to that—'twould be but the old story of the voyageurs," said Joncaire. "They are used enough to journeying a thousand miles or so, to find the trail end in a heap of ashes, and to the turn of a scalp dance. Fear me, he has fended for himself if there has been need. Yet I warrant you, now that this word for the peace has gone out, we shall see your friend Du Mesne as big as life at the mountain next summer, knowing as much of your history as you yourself do, and quite counting upon meeting you with us on the St. Lawrence, and madam as well. As to that, methinks madame will do better with us on the St. Lawrence than on the savage Messassee. We have none too many names among us, and I need not state, what monsieur's eyes have told me, every morning—that a fairer never set foot from ship from over seas. Witness my Lieutenant yonder, Raoul de Ligny! He is thus soon all devotion! Mother of God! but we are well met here, in this wilderness, among the savages. Viola, monsieur! We take you again captive, and 'tis madame ensaves us all!"

There had indeed ensued conversation between the young French officer above named and Mary Conynge; yet prompt as might have been the former with gallant attentions to so fair a captive, it could not have been said that he was allowed the first advance. Mary Conynge, even after a month of starving foot travel and another month of anxiety at the Iroquois villages, had not lost her rounded body, her brilliancy of eye and color, nor her subtle magnetism of personality. It had taken stronger head than that of Raoul de Ligny to withstand even her slight request. How, then, as to Mary Conynge supplicating, entreating, craving of him protection?

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